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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Speaking Requests

1. I have on my desk two requests for talks on Vietnam that I would like to touch base with you on before finally accepting or rejecting them.

2. The first comes from [] who wants me to participate in a Vietnam discussion to be held at the ONE Consultants Session at [] on Wednesday, 17 June. [] has pressed fairly hard on this saying that the consultants, mostly academics, are very much up in arms over the Indochina situation. A panel session or seminar on Indochina is scheduled for Wednesday morning. [] pitch, essentially, is that if I am not present the session is likely to be lopsided at one end of the spectrum. Accepting this invitation would involve leaving for [] Tuesday (16 June) and being back at my office some time the latter part of the afternoon of the 17th. (on that evening if I should stay for the dinner).

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3. I have also been invited by the Director and Staff of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville to give a talk on Friday morning, 19 June, to the Institute's current class. I have been asked to discuss the historical background of the current Indochina situation. Acceptance of this invitation would involve driving to Charlottesville that morning and returning to Washington that afternoon. Most if not all of that day, 19 June, will thus be knocked out.

4. I am very much of two minds. On the one hand, I think there would be some merit in injecting balance and fact both into the minds of the consultants and the minds of the FEI students. On the other hand, these are busy times. The bulk of two days is a lot to

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take out of one week. I probably could send [] to at least one of these two sessions.

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5. Before making a final decision, I would very much like to know your thoughts and preferences, if any. I will obviously be guided by your direction, but even if you do not have pre-emptive feelings I would still like to know your preferences before making any final decision.

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